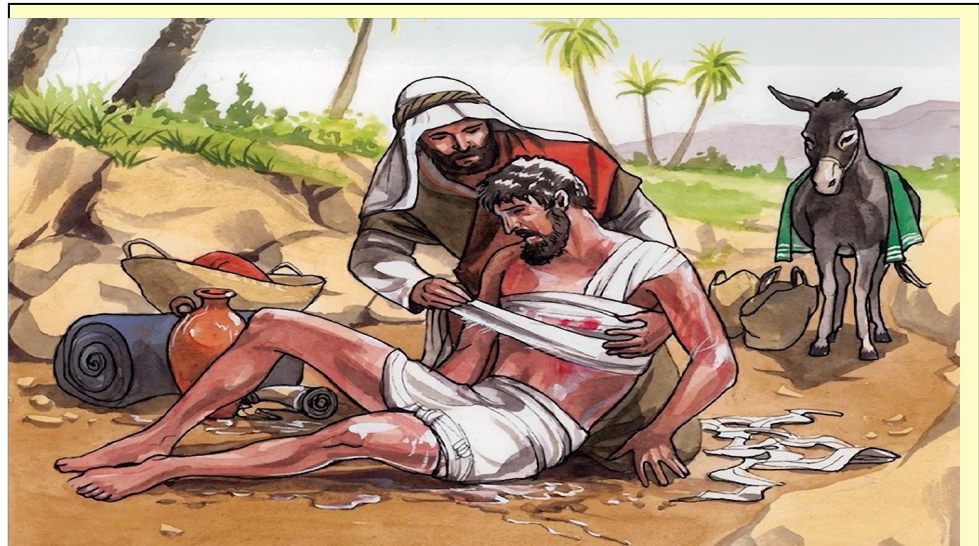




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### *From the Pastor's Pen*



### **Love your neighbor as yourself. ~Luke 10:26**

In the Gospel of Luke, a lawyer asks Jesus, "Can you tell me exactly who my neighbor is?" Jesus answers him with the story of the mugging victim and the passers-by. Those who would be expected to help - the priest, the Levite - they kept walking. But the man's rival, a man who would never be expected to help a Jewish man for any reason - he's the one who stops. Who offers his own food and drink, his own clothing, to bind up the man's wounds. Who carries him to shelter, who pays for his care. After all this, Jesus asks the lawyer, "Which of these is a neighbor to the man who was robbed?" The lawyer answers, "The man who showed compassion."

Exactly who is my neighbor? You'll never know for certain until you show compassion.

Indeed, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, a Jewish professor of the New Testament, points out that in Hebrew, the word for neighbor - re'a - and the word for evil - raa --- share the same consonants. In written Hebrew, which leaves out the vowels, they would be written identically. So, when Jesus asks the lawyer, "How do you read the Law?" he may even be asking if the lawyer is reading it

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*Pastor's Pen cont.*

as “love your neighbor as yourself” or “love your enemy as yourself.” Or... both.

Who is your neighbor? Who is your enemy? Jesus suggests we show compassion to both.

And what is compassion, exactly? In English, this word has lost a great deal of its punch. We talk about showing compassion in everything from offering a generous tip to allowing a person with disabilities past you in line. Mind you, these are good things to do. But the Greek word that we translate as compassion is a lot more visceral. It means “to be moved in the inner parts” - or more understandably, “to feel it in your guts.” It’s the stomach-churning realization that you can’t possibly do anything else other than help a person in trouble.

Looking around, we are inundated with news that brings that stomach-churning compassion to the surface. Whether its children being separated from parents, or general fear for the future, it’s hard to avoid that feeling these days. We need to listen to that compassion like the despised one did. He felt moved in his guts to help the man - his neighbor, his enemy - as best he could. To rebuild their home, the Jewish people needed to free the oppressed and take care of outsiders. We must do likewise, feeling in our guts the injustice of our society, and work to improve it.

We must call our leaders to “act justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God” (Micah 6:8). We can rebuild our understanding of neighbors - to see even our enemies as worthy of love. To recognize our shared heritage as God’s children in the world.

May you be on the right road at the right time to be moved in your guts to compassion, and offer God’s help to those in need.

-Pastor Lucas

## Evangelism

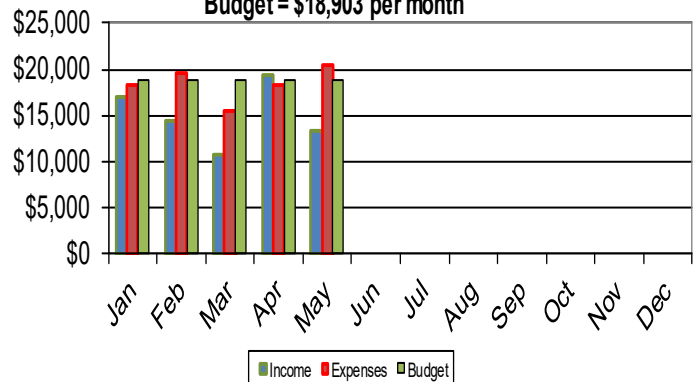


Summer is here and we are still working on getting pictures of our New Members for our Trinity Directory and bios for the newsletter. Even with health issues and fewer hands available, we are like the little engine that could!

Respectfully, The Evangelism Team

## 2018 Trinity Monthly Finances

Budget = \$18,903 per month



*Christian Education* sue chancellor

## The Presence of Spirit

To the home of peace  
to the field of love  
to the land where forgiveness and right  
relationship meet  
we look, O God,  
with longing for earth's children  
with compassion for the creatures  
with hearts breaking for the nations and  
people we love.  
Open us to visions we have never known  
strengthen us for self-givings we have  
never made  
delight us with a oneness we could never  
have imagined  
that we may truly be born of You  
makers of peace.  
John Philip Newell



As we move forward this summer, let us be mindful of how our Lord is guiding us to be peacemakers and delegates of God's amazing love. Let us be intentional in creative meaningful ways we can serve and love one another.

## **SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES**

**(SUNDAY SCHOOL IS 9:15-10:15)**



Donna Bridenstine is available for infants through preschool from 9:00 a.m. through the close of worship. Pre-kindergarteners and kindergarteners can join Donna and an adult volunteer (when necessary) following Sunday School, for safe fun learning experiences and nurturing care.

Donna can be available for childcare on Wednesday, June 13 from 6:30-7:30 during team meetings. Please let Sue know if you need childcare.

**Multi-grade Sunday School (pre-k through fifth grade)**

All children are enthusiastically invited to join the teaching team this summer as we explore, "God's Great Gifts" in a variety of fun engaging ways!! We'd love to have you, your friends, and relatives any time you can pop in at 9:15!

July 1:	Millie Spencer	"The Gift of Gratefulnes"
July 8:	Melinda Carver	"The Gift of Hospitality"
July 15:	VBS Worship Service Rehearsal	
July 22:	Sue Chancellor	"The Gift of Forgiveness"
July 29:	Valerie Wagner	"The Gift of Generosity"

**Adults Sunday School:**

Liz Powell has completed leading stimulating conversations this June, centered on "Ways to Serve." We are grateful to her for sharing her time and gifts with our Trinity family.

Pastors Lucus and Elana will be leading the adult Sunday School class this month as Richard Spencer enjoys a summer break from leading the class. Stay tuned for more details on their enlightening classes and please join them on July 1st as they kick off July in the classroom right off Churchill Hall at 9:15.

**The tween/youth class** The youth, through high school will meet upstairs in the classroom by the sound-tech room on July 1st, to begin an insightful currents study, focusing on "Living a Life of Love." They will also be meeting in the youth lounge from time to time during the remaining summer weeks to view some Rob Bell Nooma DVDs. Royce and Sue Chancellor will be leading the discussions during July. There will be no class on VBS worship Sunday, July 15 as the youth will be helping with the children's rehearsal for VBS worship service that day. All youth are encouraged to comes to any classes they are in town for this summer; we'll also be working on some fun projects.

**All Church Summer Read  
"Love Does" by Bob Goff**

We've chosen this very inspiring motivating book for any interested folks who are ready to dive into an excellent book this summer. "Bob Goff is a one-man tsunami of grace, a hurricane of love. He doesn't just talk about change, he really is change, as "Love Does," chronicles in such a vivid way. Yet, "Love Does" doesn't leave you feeling like you want to celebrate its author, it awakens a sense deep within that you, too, have an outrageous role to play in God's unfolding story of rescue and repair." --Louie Giglio, Passion Conferences/Passion City Church.

All interested readers are welcome to purchase their book and begin reading now, or you can let Sue know by July 8th that you wold like her to order you one for \$11.00. We'll group up for a one-time discussion of the book late in the summer. Time and date to be determined later. Please consider reading this easy but very worthwhile meaningful book.



Coming Sunday Morning, September 8 at 9:15

Rally Day 2018

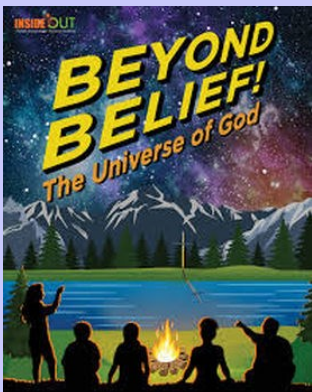
"God's Good Grace for ALL"

Mark your calendars for a delicious Trinity brunch and joyful interactive fun for everyone.



The Dwight Mission Summer Camp 2018 Schedule is up on the church front door and bulletin board across from the kitchen.

This summer's theme is "Beyond Belief! The Universe of God." Please check the web site at [dwrightmission.org](http://dwrightmission.org) for more details. Teachers receive a 50% discount.



Session IV - July 8 - 14  
Elementary Camp III  
Night Owl Camp (6-9)  
Senior High Gathering (10-12)



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CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

# CAMP TRINITY

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### "Let's Open the Door To..."

For children Pre-Kindergarten through those  
entering 5th grade.

Activities will include

MUSIC ● YOGA & GAMES ● ARTS/CRAFTS  
PLAYS & STORIES ● COOKING & GARDENING

**\*\*\*LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED\*\*\***

**TUESDAYS**

**July 17 & 24**

**10:00 am - 2:30 pm**

Lunch provided

**There is no charge for Camp Trinity!**

**Call 918-369-3690**

**for reservations and information.**

Volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated  
for both of our summer programs! Please

See John Clawson, Liz Powell or Sue Chancellor if you are  
able and willing to help out!!





# VBS 2018

## God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride

Prepare yourselves for the excitement that awaits kids  
and volunteers this summer.  
We'll have a blast as we explore more ways to trust God  
and deeply feel his presence...

*"For all the promises of God, find their yes in Him."  
2 Corinthians 1:20*

## For ages 3 to Entering 5th Grade

5:45 to 8:10 pm

Sunday July 8 - Thursday July 12

Family Dinner at 5:45 pm

Singing begins at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary

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Chancellor if you are  
able and willing to help  
out!!

VBS Worship Service and Family Picnic/games for  
Families

Sunday July 15, 10:30 AM



## YOUTH/KIDS/FAMILY NEWS

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who made it to the Jones Riverside Airport for the Jenks Life Flight tour Sunday afternoon, June 24! And thanks, too, to Joe Cunningham for organizing the event and Brenda for bringing homemade cookies to the crew. The crew, composed of the pilot, paramedic, and nurse kindly enlightened us all on this great service to our community. Some of us actually sat in the pilot's seat as we all learned about the work of the amazing life flight crew and their life flight helicopter.

Thanks to all the youth helping out this summer with VBS and Camp Trinity! We appreciate you sharing your time and talents with these events that reach not only our Trinity children but the children of our Bixby/Tulsa community. The children are always so excited to get to work with you and learn from you!

Mark your calendars not only for VBS but also the picnic/games afternoon on Sunday July 15 following VBS worship service. There will also be a special VBS mission offering for our local outreach, "Backpacks for Bixby," and our global outreach to support our sister church in Malawi.

## Congregational Care

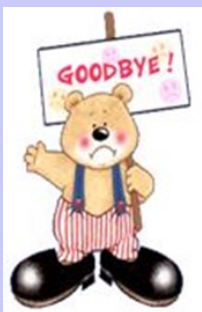


No Lunch Bunch for July but look for announcements as we resume in August. We had 16 folks at Bravos Mexican Restaurant on June 10<sup>th</sup>. And we were serenaded at our table by their Guitarist. He took requests and preformed throughout the restaurant.

If you could occasionally pick up or drop off one of our Folks that cannot drive themselves to Trinity Services, please contact me or let the office know and we will add you to our list. This is especially important during the summer as we have our volunteers scattered in all directions!

Respectfully,  
Brenda Cunningham

## Personnel



### Kim

June 14<sup>th</sup> was the last day in the office for our beloved Admin Assistant, Kim Harvey. She may no longer be on our staff, but luckily, Kim still lives in the Bixby area. She is staying busy with family caregiving and hopefully she will now find a bit of time for herself too. So **GOOD-BYE** Kim - please come visit us!



### Sadie

We want to give a big **WELCOME** to our new Administrative Assistant, Sadie Redburn. Sadie will be in the office starting Monday July 2nd. Her office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:30pm. Please welcome her as she learns the ins and outs of Trinity!

And a big **THANK YOU** to all the members of the Personnel Team and to our Pastors as well for the time and effort they put into the hiring process. Many hours were sent reviewing, interviewing and discussing.

Respectively, Brenda Cunningham



## *Fellowship News*



The Fellowship Team has been making plans for its busiest month of the year. We will prepare and serve dinners for the Vacation Bible School participants and their families July 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, and assist the Continuing Education Team with the closing barbecue following the church service Sunday, July 15. Members of the congregation who wish to assist with preparation, serving, and cleanup are welcome to sign up as kitchen helpers. The sign-up sheet is located on the counter between the kitchen and the Trinity Café. And while they're signing up for VBS, members can also volunteer to provide Sunday morning snacks at the Trinity Café. Please know that your support is always appreciated!

Thank you, Dwayne Strasheim

## TRINITY PHOTO ALBUM

**LIFE**



**6-24-18**

**FLIGHT**

# TRINITY PHOTO ALBUM



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## Monthly Liturgy

### 6th Sunday after Pentecost— July 1

2 Sam. 1:1, 17-27

*Psalm 130*

2 Cor. 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

### 7th Sunday after Pentecost—July 8

2 Sam. 5:1-5, 9-10

*Psalm 48*

2 Cor. 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

### 8th Sunday after Pentecost—July 15

2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12b-19

*Psalm 24*

Eph. 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

### 9th Sunday after Pentecost—July 22

2 Sam. 7:1-14a

*Psalm 89:20-37*

Eph. 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### 10th Sunday after Pentecost—July 29

2 Sam. 11:1-15

*Psalm 14*

Eph. 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

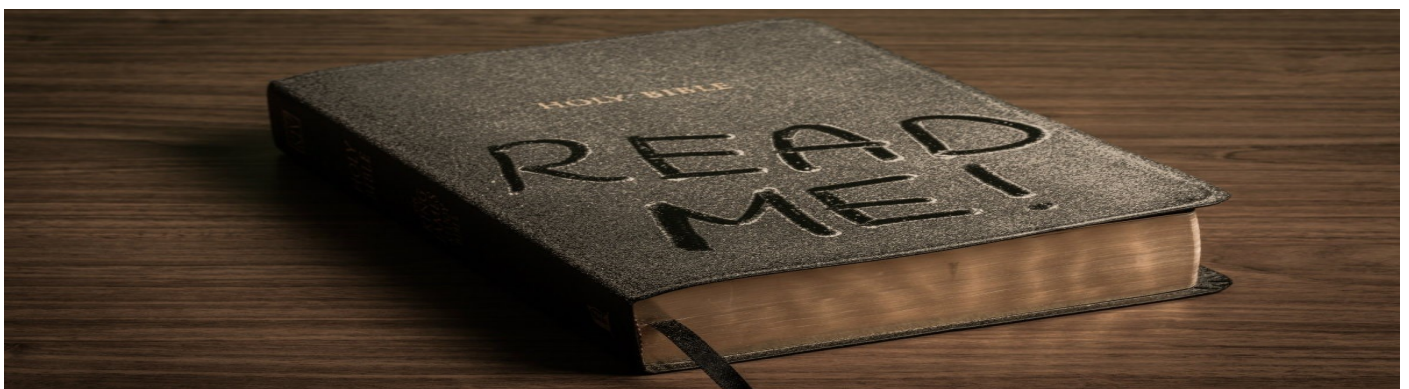


July 

Liz Powell	7/8
Nancy Cain	7/9
Zac Adams	7/10
Ronald Rude	7/10
Jean Keller	7/16
Brenda Cunningham	7/20
Debbie Straabe	7/22
Leslie Haughey	7/30
Erik Collins	7/31



Sally & Floyd Autin	7/3
Debbie & Barry Straabe	7/6
Valerie & Larry Wagner	7/11





# JULY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Communion Sunday	2	3	4 12:00 pm Sack Lunch Fell. 1:00 pm Sewing Group	5 6:30pm - Chime Prac.	6	7
8 VBS 5:45-8:10PM	9	10	11 12:00 pm Sack Lunch Fell. 1:00 pm Sewing Group	12 6:30pm - Chime Prac.	13	14
15 VBS Sunday Church Picnic	16	17 CAMP TRINITY	18 12:00 pm Sack Lunch Fell. 1:00 pm Sewing Group	19 6:30pm - Chime Prac.	20	21
22	23	24 CAMP TRINITY	25 12:00 pm Sack Lunch Fell. 1:00 pm Sewing Group	26 6:30pm - Chime Prac.	27	28
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